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It is important for emergency medical care providers to plan for varying levels of patient surges, including patient movement and tracking. Emergency planners typically use the following three stages of severity when planning for mass casualty events: Stage I: Developing Public Health Crisis (0 to 100 patients); Stage II: Public Health Disaster (101 to 1,000 patients), and Stage III: Catastrophic Public Health Event (1,001 to 10,000 or more patients). The resources in this Topic Collection include guidance and templates related to patient movement and tracking that can be customized to fit the needs of most healthcare providers.

This ASPR TRACIE Topic Collection is in the process of being developed and comprehensively reviewed. If you have resources to recommend for inclusion in this Topic Collection, specifically illustrative examples, plans, tools or templates, please email your recommendations to askasprtracie@hhs.gov.

National Disaster Medical System, Nashville Federal Coordinating Center. (2015). [Patient Reception Operations Plan](#).

This plan provides guidance for activating the National Disaster Medical System. While it pertains to the Nashville, TN area, it can be customized by emergency planners from other jurisdictions.

Shaw, J.J. (2006). [The Forward Movement of Patients](#). The Capitol Region Metropolitan Medical Response System Hartford, Connecticut.

This document can serve as a template for emergency planners responsible for activating then National Disaster Medical System. It features assumptions, operational concepts, components of a local action plan for the forward movement of patients, and other related information.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), and ASPR Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange. (2015). [Joint Patient Assessment and Tracking System Overview and Fact Sheet](#).

This factsheet and PowerPoint presentation includes an overview of the Joint Patient Assessment and Tracking System (JPATS) to include background/history, functionality, integration into the Disaster Medical Information Suite, and common questions from state and local jurisdictions. Information about JPATS system requirements, the implementation process and cost, and types of assistance available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response is also provided.